

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 175486

60

ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SE - WLEAGLETON:NLEDSKY/AD

APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

P - MR.SISCO

EUR - MR. HARTMAN

S/S JPMOFFAT

----- 060522

O 250128Z JUL 75 ZFF6

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 175486

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TU

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I AM DEEPLY  
DISAPPOINTED BY TODAY'S VOTE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES DEFEATING LEGISLATION TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO ON  
TURKEY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE ISSUED THE FOL-  
LOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT: "I AM DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE  
REFUSAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTIALLY LIFT  
THE EMBARGO ON THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO TURKEY. IT IS MY  
STRONG CONVICTION THAT THIS NEGATIVE VOTE CAN ONLY DO THE  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 175486

MOST SERIOUS AND IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE VITAL NATIONAL

SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING OUR NORMALLY EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND U.S. EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS TO REACH A JUST AND EQUITABLE CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. IT WILL ALSO SERIOUSLY

AFFECT IMPORTANT INTERESTS ELSEWHERE.

I AND MEMBERS OF MY ADMINISTRATION WORKED HARD TO PERSUADE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT VITAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE IN THIS ISSUE. I AM VERY PROUD OF THOSE 206 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF BOTH PARTIES, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE WHO SUPPORTED A SIMILAR MEASURE, FOR CASTING THEIR VOTES IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE BI-PARTISAN LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO SUPPORTED THE LEGISLATION. I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING AN EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. I WILL WORK TO REASSURE OUR ALLIES, TURKEY AND GREECE, OF OUR CONTINUING DESIRE TO MAINTAIN STRONG AND EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM DESPITE THIS SET-BACK. I HOPE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECONSIDER ITS FAILURE TO ACT AFFIRMATIVELY."

THE CLOSE HOUSE VOTE, DISAPPOINTING AS IT WAS, DOES NOT NEGATE THE VALIDITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. INDEED, MANY LEGISLATORS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO INDICATE THAT THEY WERE NOT VOTING AGAINST TURKEY OR US TIES WITH TURKEY, BUT RATHER WISHED TO REGISTER THEIR CONCERN THAT PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MADE IN DEALING WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

I BELIEVE CONGRESS HAS MADE A SERIOUS ERROR IN JUDGMENT. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES THAT THIS LEGISLATIVE DECISION NOT BE COMPOUNDED BY HASTY STEPS TAKEN IN THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE OF DISAPPOINTMENT.

WE ARE NOW ASSESSING THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE AND STUDYING  
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 175486

COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO US TO HELP PRESERVE THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES. IT IS FORTUNATE THAT I WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE POSSIBILITIES WITH YOU NEXT WEEK IN HELSINKI. I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO THAT MEETING. CORDIALLY, GERALD A. FORD  
END TEXT. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, ARMS EMBARGO, LOWER HOUSE, MEETING VOTING RECORDS, CAT-C  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 25 JUL 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** CunninFX  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975STATE175486  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** WLEAGLETON:NLEDSKY/AD  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** P860035-0688  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750721/aaaaaslf.tel  
**Line Count:** 113  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NODS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CunninFX  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 07 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <07 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <29 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL  
**TAGS:** PFOR, ETRD, TU, US, (FORD, GERALD R), (DEMIREL, SULEYMAN)  
**To:** ANKARA ATHENS NICOSIA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006